

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
FIRE AND AMBULANCE DISTRICT 1  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: April 21, 2004

Division: County Administrator

Bulk Item: Yes        No X

Department: Fire Rescue

**AGENDA ITEM WORDING:** Approval to waive purchasing policy and issue a Purchase Order to Fisher Scientific, sole source provider for Morning Pride protective ensemble products in the state of Florida, in the amount of \$75,821.17 for the purchase of 61 sets of personal protective ensembles.

**ITEM BACKGROUND:** Personal protective ensembles (PPE) for structural firefighting, even with limited exposure to fire combat, have a shelf life that renders the thermal and vapor barrier protection ineffective after seven years. We currently have members wearing PPE in excess of twice the shelf life. On July 22, 2003, a request was made to the Board to approve the replacement of one seventh of the PPE annually, which was approved and added to the budget for Fiscal Year 2004, and will require allocations annually thereafter. In 1998, after considerable research and evaluation, the Monroe County Fire Chiefs' Association selected Morning Pride brand PPE as providing the best protection for our personnel with respect to the ambient tropical climate. The sole source provider for this equipment for the state of Florida is Fisher Scientific.

**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOG ACTION:** On July 22, 2003 the Board approved the replacement of one seventh of the PPE annually.

**CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:** N/A

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:** Approval.

<b>TOTAL COST:</b>	<u>\$ 75,821.17</u>	<b>BUDGETED:</b> Yes <u>X</u> No <u>      </u>
<b>DISTRICT 6:</b>	<u>\$ 13,920.00</u>	146-12500-530520
<b>DISTRICT 1:</b>	<u>\$ 61,901.17</u>	141-13001-530520 and 141-11500-530520

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** Ad valorem taxes.

**REVENUE PRODUCING:** Yes        No X **AMOUNT PER MONTH**        **Year**       

**APPROVED BY:** County Atty N/A OMB/Purchasing N/A Risk Management N/A

**FIRE CHIEF APPROVAL:**

  
Clark O. Martin, Jr.

**DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL:**

  
James L. Roberts

**DOCUMENTATION:** Included X\* To Follow        Not Required       

**DISPOSITION:**        **AGENDA ITEM #** I2

\*Same documentation as previous item under bulk approvals.